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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Contracting Information Letter (CIL) 98-33

- 1. This CIL contains information on the following subjects:
  - a. Change to the Prompt Payment Act,
  - b. Alternate Special Competition Advocate, and
  - c. Charging for Construction Solicitation Documents.
- 2. Change to the Prompt Payment Act.
- a. Reference the Federal Register, 17 June 1998, Vol. 63, No. 116, pages 33000 to 33010.
- b. This Federal Register contains a proposed change to the Prompt Payment Act under OMB Circular No. A-125, "Prompt Payment." This proposal is being made to reflect requirements of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 as well as an increasingly electronic commercial financial systems environment; to promote the use of government credit cards and accelerated payment methods; to clarify and simplify current language; and to announce a new toll-free number and internet website for Prompt Payment Act information. Comments must be received by August 17, 1998. Prompt Payment Implementing Regulation; 11. Payments Under Government Credit Card. A. Payment date. All credit card invoices under \$2,500.00 may be paid at any time, but no later than 30 days after the receipt of a proper invoice, etc., is an issue that we have been waiting for. For additional information, please contact Ms. Gwen Miles at DSN 367-5486.
- 3. Alternate Special Competition Advocate. Ms. Carol E. Lowman was appointed as the Alternate Special Competition Advocate on 14 July 1998. She replaced Ms. Suzanne C. Lyon who recently retired. Ms. Judith W. Blake is still the Special Competition Advocate.

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# 4. Charging for Construction Solicitation Documents.

- a. Reference Contracting Information Letter (CIL) 89-20, dated 11 Sep 89, Paragraph 4, Subj: Charging for Construction Solicitation Documents.
- b. HQ FORSCOM DCSRE and DCSLOG have re-looked the guidance in paragraph 4d of above referenced CIL which stated the monies collected would be treated as an appropriation refund and deposited into the operating funds of the organizations involved (DOC or DPW). IAW Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Indianapolis Center Regulation DFAS-IN 37-1, paragraph 12-1a requires any monies collected "will be deposited into the general fund of the U.S. Treasury as miscellaneous receipts" NOT as an appropriation refund as outlined in above referenced CIL. For additional information, please call Ms. Sandra Bruner at DSN 367-6296.

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